BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2011-158-E - ORDER NO. 2013-777

NOVEMBER 8, 2013

IN RE:	Application Regarding the Acquisition of)	ORDER APPROVING
	Progress Energy, Inc. by Duke Energy)	JOINT GENERATION
	Corporation and Merger of Progress Energy)	AND TRANSMISSION
	Carolinas, Inc. and Duke Energy Carolinas,)	PLANNING AGREEMENT
	LLC)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina on the request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, Inc. for approval of an agreement to conduct joint generation and transmission planning. According to the Applicants, the purpose of this request is to determine whether such planning would result in cost savings for retail customers. After review, we find that it is a logical step in the integration of the two companies, and if implemented, joint planning should improve efficiencies and have a positive impact on ratepayers. As a result, we hold that the request is approved. However, we note that the implementation of the agreement will raise other issues that will require further review by this Commission, and the company must submit proposed joint planning for approval.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Nikiya Hall, Vice Chairman

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